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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

The Department of Justice and Microsoft have finally reached an agreement ending the three-year long antitrust case brought against Microsoft. I think this settlement is fair and should stand. The two parties fought it out, worked out an agreement, and it is not for people outside to second-guess these decisions.

In my view, Microsoft has been chastened and has agreed to open up their company to competition. Microsoft has agreed to allow third party developers more of its copyrighted material to aid in development of third party programs; Microsoft has agreed to a three person technical committee to monitor future actions; Microsoft has agreed to document and disclose for use by its competitors various interfaces that are internal to Windows' operating system products - a first in an antitrust settlement. It seems to me that all this is more than fair to the competition and it is time we put this matter to rest.

I urge you to give your support to this agreement.

Sincerely, John Paganini